



WELCOME

- Greeting
- Announcements
- Prelude ~ *Voluntary on Leoni* -- Gordon Young

We invite you to sign and pass the Fellowship Pad located at the end of your pew during the Prelude and then return it to the center aisle so that you can turn and greet one another during the Passing of the Peace.

CALL TO WORSHIP

I sought the Lord, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,
and was saved from every trouble.

O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.

+HYMN 49 ~ *The God of Abraham Praise*

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, your eyes are on the righteous, and your ears are open to our cries. You are ever ready to teach us your ways and feed us your bread of life. Be near to us and save us, O God, as we confess our sins before you. Drip the water of your Spirit onto our dry and cracked lips that we might find our voices, and gently push us out into the world with the message of your love. Keep our tongues from speaking lies and our hearts from harboring hatred. May a deep faith in you take root where there is shallow religion, generosity where there is selfish greed, and wholeness where there are shattered dreams, for we know that your work is not complete in us and that our lives are made perfect in you. Hear now our silent prayers...

- Kyrie - Hymn 551 ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*
**Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us. (x2)**

- Assurance of Forgiveness

- Gloria - Hymn 581 ~ *Gloria Patri*
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

- Passing the Peace

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR OPENNESS TO GOD'S WORD

God of wisdom, by your Spirit speak this day a word of life, and plant in us the power of your righteous love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING - 1 Peter 3.13-17

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

This is the written testimony to the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM ~ *Zion's Walls*, Copland/arr. Koponen Chancel Choir

Come fathers and mothers,
Come sisters and brothers,
Come join us in singing the praises of Zion.
O fathers, don't you feel determined
To meet within the walls of Zion?
We'll shout and go round
The walls of Zion.

SERMON ~ *God has a Dream* - Rev. Dr. Alton B. Pollard III

+HYMN 213 ~ *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* (vs. 1-4)

+ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (debts/debtors)

STEWARDSHIP

• Call to Stewardship - Blessed to be a blessing. We believe Maxwell Street exists to bless others, and stewardship is an opportunity to consider what God has given to us to help "deliver the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper..." (from Ps. 72.10) Your generosity makes the ministry of our congregation possible. There are many ways to give including online, through direct withdrawal from your bank account, and by placing an offering in the plate. This time is an opportunity to reflect upon what you have been given, what you have given, and what God is inviting you to give in the future. Give thanks, for God is good.

- Offertory ~ *Jesus Shall Reign* by Burton Isaac
Lauren Falco, violin

- Doxology ~ Hymn 710 - *We Lift Our Voices (We Are an Offering)*

**We lift our voices;
we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering.**

**Lord, use our voices;
Lord, use our hands;
Lord, use our lives;
they are yours:
we are an offering.**

**All that we have,
all that we are,
all that we hope to be,
we give to you, we give to you.**

**We lift our voices;
we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering;
we are an offering.**

- Prayer of Dedication

+HYMN 761 ~ *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

+CHARGE

+BENEDICTION

+BENEDICTION RESPONSE ~ Hymn 372 - *O for a World*

**O for a world where everyone
respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done
with justice and with praise.**

POSTLUDE ~ *Carillon* -- Herbert Murrill

Welcome to Worship

Welcome to Maxwell Street, a church known for its diversity, inclusion and mission. This is Christ's Church and all are welcome. Bring your burdens as well as your hopes. Bring your disappointments as well as your joys. There is a kind of space here into which all are invited to be themselves and to feel at home. Participate to the degree you feel comfortable. Here is some information to help make you feel at home.

- LARGE PRINT BIBLES are available from the ushers.
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- Hearing help is available with a personal amplification device from the ushers.
- An elevator is located in the Education Building for your convenience.
- **Visitors interested in learning more** are invited to meet with a pastor or member of the Welcome Team in the Johnston Parlor after the service. We are glad you are here today.

• Children Ministry

Infant to pre-K are welcome in the Nursery following Children's Moment or anytime during the morning. Come to the Young Children's Area in the basement. Professional caregivers and church volunteers will greet you there.

K – 5th grade after the children's message, children can go to our Sunday School program where age-appropriate activities will be available for all children ages k-5th grade.

Class: One Room Sunday School
Curriculum: Deep Blue Connects

Location: Big Blue Room and Children's Library (both rooms on Lower Level near Nursery)

All children are encouraged to be in worship with their families so they may share in hymns, scripture, prayers, and other parts of worship. There is a booklet available in the narthex, in classrooms, and the lobby with details about our Children's classes and upcoming events.

• **WIFI - Router Name: Maxwell - ORBI38**
Password: maxpres180

- Accessible restrooms are on the main level and basement level. Baby changing stations are available in the basement restrooms or nursery.
- Follow us on Twitter @maxpreschurch or tag #maxpres if you want to share a thought from today's service.
- + Indicates that the congregation is invited to stand in body and/or in spirit.

WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Alton B. Pollard III, Matt Falco, Rachel VanKirk Mathews, Michelle Jones, Beth Wilson, Ted Gentry, Lauren Falco, and the Chancel Choir.

This morning we welcome The Rev. Dr. Alton B. Pollard III. He is Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary's tenth president. He began his service with Louisville Seminary in September 2018. A scholar, author, consultant and speaker on the subject of African American and U.S. religion and culture, Pollard was previously dean of the School of Divinity and professor of religion and culture at Howard University. Prior to his 11 years at Howard, Pollard served as director of black church studies and chair of American religious cultures at Emory, and taught at Wake Forest and St. Olaf College. Dr. Pollard has said, "The church's role principally is to do what God requires of us, which is love justly. Which means that justice and love go hand in hand. So if we say that we love our sister and our brother as individuals, but we don't actually do anything to help their lives improve, then that's not love." We are honored to host Dr. Pollard, and hope you will join us in welcoming him.

Reader

Annie Noble

Acolyte

Julia Weitkamp

Ushers

The ushers are Tom Dixon, Billy Porter, Jack and Betsy Morgan, Ralph Bollinger, Hydee, Brad, and Mason Hawkins.

Punch is not served today due to the Maxfest Lunch. All are invited to Fellowship Hall to the lunch for food and fellowship.

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Ann Eads in honor of Needles and Angels for all they do.

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Sara Sexton, Ron Bacquet, Judy Dendy, Lowell Vice, Keller Campbell, and Brad Cason.

Sally Baker's great niece- Ellie Hurley, Kate Copley's mom - Jackie Price, Lon Keith's parents, Cindy Bollinger's sister, Allen Gayheart's brother - Robert, Debra Anderson's step-mother - Carol Anderson, Linda Ensminger's brother - Ray, Nancy Gamble's sister - Tammy Dyer, Kenneth Frost's sister - Diane Roy, Shelli Gregory's uncle - Sam, Amy White's friend - Jason.

SERVICE WOMEN AND MEN

Jake Abernathie, grandson of Dorothy & Loren Tice USS Harry S. Truman.

Trevor Anderson-Cooper (Naval Air Station, Falcon NV), son of Debra Anderson & Bill Cooper.

Tyler Buckley, son of Leigh Buckley.

Clayton Tyler - SOI (school of infantry) Camp Geiger in NC, brother of Jessica Tyler.

Nathan Stepp (Everett, WA) grandson of Mary Anna & Fayette Stepp.

Griffin Rice

And all the families and loved ones of our service women and men; for all peace-keepers and peacemakers in families, communities and the world.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

ALL ARE INVITED TO THE MAXFEST LUNCH - food, fun and Fellowship downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

N.A.D.Y.A. BOOK GROUP meets from 6-7:30pm to finish *The Butterfly Mosque* and *There, There* will be our next book.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

10:30am Pastor's Coffee at Coffea
5:30pm Trustees
7:00pm Session

TUESDAY

8:30am Sweet Blessings
9:00am Staff Meeting
7:00pm UKirk Dinner & College Group
7:00pm Centering Prayer
7:30pm UKirk Fellowship Group

WEDNESDAY

10:30am Kerygma
5:45pm Fellowship Dinner
5:45pm Children's Choir
6:30pm Kerygma
6:30pm Chancel Choir
7:30pm Westminster Bells

THURSDAY

AVOL DINE OUT DAY - Dine out all day to support of AVOL Kentucky's mission to End HIV! Simply dine at any of our partnering restaurants (see list at www.avolky.org/participating-restaurants) and 25% of your check will be donated to the cause. Share a meal with family, friends, coworkers; make a meal meaningful!

9:00am Canterbury Bells
12:00pm PTSD Support Group
6:00pm Neighborhood Meal
7:00pm Needles and Angels

FRIDAY

6:30pm **THE WORDS & WINE** book group will meet at Natalya's home (740 Old Dobbin Rd) to discuss *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng. Anyone is welcome to join this small group which delights on books, wine, appetizers and desserts and great fellowship. Questions: Kathy Cseledy.

KY CROP HUNGER WALK, SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29 AT 3PM,

Each year the youth participate in the hunger walk, spending time empathizing with those who have to walk for days as migrants or walk for each meal around the city of Lexington. This year, we will do more than participate; we will work hard to fundraise to end hunger world-wide. Each youth hopes to find a least one sponsor (maybe more) within the church who will donate the amount they would like to give for each of the three miles the student walks. Thank you in advance! Together, we can help end hunger in our community and around the world!

NEW SUPPORT GROUP - A new support group for those who suffer with PTSD is forming at Maxwell Street. They will be meeting on Thursdays at 12:00pm in the Johnston Parlor starting September 12th. Since they are in the forming stages, they will be meeting to discuss format, meeting frequency, and hopes for the group. Although he is not the facilitator, if you have questions or are interested, please contact Matt.

EVERYBODY'S BREAKFAST - Janet Lumpp is the speaker at the next breakfast. All are welcome to join us for coffee, doughnut and fellowship - what a great way to learn more about fellow Maxwell Streeters! Come hear Janet on Wednesday, September 18 at 8:30am in the Scout Room.

THURSDAY NIGHT MEAL VOLUNTEERS

Did you know that every Thursday night, a group of dedicated volunteers gather to share God's love and compassion as we serve a meal to our neighborhood friends? We're hoping that you will volunteer some of your time Thursday evening by helping to serve, our guests, and spend some time visiting with those eating with us. You'll get to see God's love at work in many different ways and in many different individuals. Contact Ralph Bollinger (ralph.bollinger@att.net) to schedule an evening to volunteer!

SOUTH SUDANESE PEACEMAKER COMING TO MSPC

On Wednesday, Sept. 25, Maxwell Street Presbyterian will enjoy a visit from Lucy Awate Dabi of South Sudan, one of 14 International Peacemakers being hosted in the United States by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program. We have not finalized all of the plans for Lucy's visit to Maxwell on the 25th, but expect her to join us at least for morning Kerygma, for an open invitation lunch, and conversation Wednesday night dinner. More details to come.

GOT MAGAZINES? Is your magazine rack running over with old issues of your favorite read? Bring them to the church office or place them in the wooden cabinet in Fellowship Hall so they may be taken to Eastern State Hospital to be enjoyed by others. Remember to take your name label off prior to bringing them.

FAMILY LIFE EVENT - BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

on Saturday, September 21 at 10am, Maxwell Street will have some fun with a Presbyterian-style "blessing of the pets" during a special outdoor service on the church's lawn. The Blessing of the Animals will recognize the special bond we share with animal friends and companions. All God's creatures are welcome (on leashes or in carriers, please). We look forward to seeing you there!

MAXFEST'S MISSION: PORCH DE SALOMON

Every four years, our high schoolers travel to Guatemala to work with Porch de Salomon in Panajachel. Porch de Salomon works to meet all the needs of the people in the West Highlands of Guatemala. They provide health clinics, social work, school sponsorships, weekly worship, help starting small businesses, and new homes.

A generous gift has been given to Porch de Salomon through Maxwell Street by the Goulson family, the total amount needed to sponsor a new house build! The generosity of this gift has inspired us to commit to giving more and to keep up our support of the work of Porch de Salomon. We especially are grateful for the opportunity to continue our relationship with the two families whose houses we worked on this past summer, Juana Quisquina and her son and Francisca Bocel and her parents and son. Join us in praying for Juana and Francisca's family, and look for a Porch de Salomon table at the after worship. Thank you in advance for your generosity, prayers, and hope that we can truly make a difference in two families lives through Porch de Salomon!

EACH FAMILY NEEDS:

- An Ecofiltro water filter: \$60 per family
- An Ecoplancha efficient wood stove: \$195 per family
- A concrete pila sink. It will function as the bathroom sink, kitchen sink, clothes washing sink (and sometimes babies get washed in them): \$85 per family
- Beds, two for Juana's family and three for Francisca's family: \$110 each, 5 total.
- Kitchen table and four chairs: \$120 per family.

THE FRIENDSHIP BOOK can be found at the end of each pew. Please take the time to fill in your name, address, and phone. On the space at the end of the line, please be sure to sign up for any of the following, using more than one line if needed.

- A. Words & Wine - Sept 13
- B. Everybody's Breakfast - Sept 18
- C. Blessing of the Animals - Sept 21
- D. Theology on Tap - Sept 20